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THURSDAY EVENING, JANUARY 27, 1887.

Sam Jones is preaching in Mr. Rodbeck's church, in Boston.

Liverpool is not the "land of Joseph." The conservative leader was beaten by Neville, a tinsmith.

There is a large and influential element in Canada, as well as in the United States, that is very friendly to the United States.

The strength of a government or nation depends on the character of its individual citizens—upon their intelligence, loyalty and generally substantial and sturdy qualities.

It seems that Mrs. Cleveland, as well as Mrs. Hayes, is a total abstainer from intoxicating drinks. The Woman's Christian Temperance union, of old Virginia, has made this pleasant discovery.

Henry Labouchere, member of parliament and editor of the London Truth, says that "when people say that war is inevitable it is precisely the moment when it is the least fear of its breaking out."

Joseph Chamberlain differs from Gladstone in that he wants provincial home rule in Ireland—rather than national home rule or home rule in spots, or sections—each section of province taking care of itself.

America, today, without an army or navy, or a single fortification that really protects anything—is the strongest nation that exists in this little planet. She is fully equal to the protection of her interests and honor, and the other governments of the earth know it.

A Washington Dispatch, (Jan. 25) to the Ohio State Journal, says:

Hon. Samuel Shellabarger, in behalf of the Cattle Growers' association, appeared before the senate committee on agriculture and submitted a constitutional amendment in support of the Miller bill to extirpate pleuro-pneumonia.

Thomas Power (O'Connor) says: "We now have twenty-three parliaments in the British empire—why not have twenty-four? That is—Why not give Ireland one? Nobody can successfully govern Ireland. Why not place the responsibility of self-government upon her? Then if she fails she can lay no blame upon England."

The Cincinnati Times-Star, of Wednesday, says:

Robert T. Lincoln has been nominated for president by the Atlanta National and the Knoxville Times seconds the motion. He has been suggested, too, as a vice presidential candidate. With Lincoln on the national ticket, the ex-slaves would wade through blood to cast their ballots for the son of the martyr whose proclamation gave them liberty.

Canada will please to desist from coming down and snatching. Uncle Sam is already headed until the gods order from across the water. If she should neglect this precaution and expose herself this side of the lakes she would be arrested at once and slammed into a station-house. It will not do to fool with the American eagle too much, especially at a time when the boys have been kicking sticks at him.

The Xenia Republic has this significant paragraph:

Joseph Rootes and family, of Springfield, have been passing a vile and malicious rumor, to wit: That Joseph Rootes is a pretty well imbued with the feeling that Springfield is quite a city, but he has not arrived at the conclusion that it is the center of the universe and contains all that is desirable in life.

So he takes a trip to Xenia, one a while. Then nothing is left to be desired.

The following hint to Columbus, from the Ohio State Journal, may have some bearing here:

If the bill for police judges and prosecutors at Springfield and Columbus passes, the senate will soon have a special election to see whether it is adopted. In that event there will be an election without politics, but with a special election to see whether it is adopted. In that event there will be an election without politics, but with a special election to see whether it is adopted.

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The police have under arrest in San Francisco a Canadian fugitive and outlaw named Benjamin Hagenau, who is wanted in Toronto, Ont., to answer to the charge of swindling his employer, Sir Wm. D. Lorrain, and a commission dealer of Toronto, out of \$15,000.

The coroner's jury, at Pittsburg, in the case of Thomas Patterson and Wm. Corbett, killed in the boiler explosion at Spang, Chaffin & Co.'s mill, at Erie, Monday morning, found that death was accidental, and that the explosion was caused by a defective steel in the boiler.

Goschen, the lately appointed United minister of the British cabinet, was defeated in an election in parliament. He was a majority of eleven. He can be given an unenviable seat, but in that event can not take it for ten days, and meanwhile he will have to leave his seat in the house of commons, which he is leader for the conservatives by virtue of his office of chancellor. The British political situation is thus further muddled.

"Helpless C. C.,"  
I have been given up by my friends and physicians as a hopeless case of consumption. Have found nothing that gives me much and speedily relieves my Mexican friends. I am now feeling better. I am now feeling better. I am now feeling better.

"Bossism dies hard, but it is dying all the same. It has many years yet to exist in Russia and Germany, but in America its fate is sealed; its doom is sure. Americans are free and independent sovereigns and will not be dominated over or bulldozed. Alleged bosses who cannot get this into their great heads will do themselves great injustice and subject themselves to great inconvenience. It will be knocked into them."

The REPUBLIC is opposed to Bossism. It opened up its campaign several years ago, when the Boss was running two barrels one filled with money and the other with whisky. The REPUBLIC today is the same old REPUBLIC, our flag of independence still floats, and there is nobody on this continent big enough to take it down.

The Kughlids of Labor, through their national legislative committees, blast to portions of the inter-state commerce bill. They say:

On one side of the great questions involved in this bill are a large body of producers and consumers who are simple in their habits of life and their methods of doing business, and poor in purse, and from their habits and methods of living they desire to have the laws made simple and plain so that they may be able to prevent their claims before the courts of the land without having to contend with legal technicalities and discriminations arising out of their inability to pay for the advice of legal talent in the law. In this respect the present bill is the acme of legal subterfuge.

Therefore, we desire to call your attention to this, and a few other, objectionable features of the bill. We regard the following objections as fundamental: First, the commission clause; second, the arbitrary power conferred upon the commission; third, the exclusive jurisdiction given to the federal courts to hear and determine causes arising under the act; fourth, the acknowledged uncertainty as to the meaning of nearly all of the provisions of the measure.

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Sensible Words From Citizens.  
To the Editor of the Republic:  
In one of the issues of the Gazette there appeared an article over the signature of D. M. Burus, township treasurer, in which he says it is not his purpose to put on trial Messrs. Davidson and Williamson, and then proceeds at once to set up the plea for them that they were only following the precedents of their predecessors in office, and states the amount paid to their immediate predecessors.

It is evident from the general tone of the article by the "Township Treasurer" that his only purpose is a defense of his official and political associates. This he seeks to do by reciting facts from the official records of the township, and then, desiring to increase the list of "evil deeds," so as to add responsibility to the account of one of the township, he proceeds to make the following declaration: "That the dishonesty of citizens does not stop with the certain persons holding official positions of trust, but is apparent on the tax duplicates of scores of our wealthier citizens, and that, while these trustees have been doing a very wrong thing in overhauling the public funds, the county treasury is correspondingly robbed of many thousands of dollars, not by those only who violate their oaths of office, but by those who perjure themselves annually relative to their possessions."

Now, then, when a man of previous good reputation and acknowledged integrity makes the statement that "scores of our wealthier citizens" make "dishonest returns," and "perjure themselves annually relative to their possessions," it is to be presumed that he has some foundation upon which to base his statement, and it becomes his duty to give to the public and to the proper officers of the county specific charges. If the county is thus to be robbed of many thousands of dollars, annually, who are the "robbers and perjurers?"

Having made the general accusation of perjury and robbery against "scores of our wealthier citizens," it is proved to name the "perjured robbers," or by your silence acknowledge the statement you made to be a *caveat* *lender*.

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To secure a proper administration of all the details of local government, by reason of which justice shall be meted out to each integral part of the whole be required to bear its proportionate share of the burden of government, should be the aim and seek of each worthy of the name.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.  
D. G. Brown, Dayton, died suddenly in Buffalo.

Tommy Danforth offers to fight "The Spider."

The French have evacuated Tananarive, Madagascar.

Another large gas well has been struck six miles west of Fostoria.

The barbed wire pool have advanced today, and the market is strong.

The Bulgarian regency has expressed willingness to resign, it is advised to do by all the Powers.

At least one man has been made to corrupt the jury sitting in the case of boodle Alderman O'Neill, in New York.

A strike is expected in the harness tanneries at Allegheny City. One thousand men are expected to strike.

W. Weimer, fifty years in the employ of the Schuchman mill company, Akron, is missing, leaving debts to the amount of \$1,000.

The reported fight between Italians and Abyssinians, at Massowah, is denied, while it is also stated that Italian reinforcements are on the way.

Sir John Lubbock has resigned the office of High Commissioner for Canada, and will be a candidate for Cumberland at the approaching election.

The czar is said to have assisted Emperor Francis Joseph of his private affairs. It is stated that these two monarchs will attend Emperor William's fête in Berlin in March.

John W. Mackay, of the Postal Telegraph Co., has purchased the Bay and Coast Telegraph line, belonging to the Southern Pacific railroad company, which runs from San Francisco to Santa Cruz. The price is not mentioned.

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## THE ARMORED RAM.

AN EXPERT DECLARES IT TO BE THE COMING VESSEL.

Proper Construction of an Efficient Ram, and the Great Advantage It Would Possess Over Other Kinds of Plated War Ships.

"If the limit in size has probably been reached in the construction of the guns that throw a projectile weighing a ton, and if the limit in armor has probably been reached in the vessels that measure its thickness by the foot, and if the utmost limit of speed in the unarmored cruisers with present engines is likely to be reached, then the superiority between armor and guns, and the usefulness of an armored ram in defending a port against the attack of an enemy must soon attract attention once more, and then we will have a discussion on the proper model and power to be given such a vessel."

"It is commonly believed that all modern war vessels are built with bows constructed strong enough to ram an enemy," was suggested.

"But the belief is for the most part erroneous. It is true that the lines of the stems of the ships project to a sharp angle below the water line, and that the bows are heavily plated with armor, but the latter being running at full speed when struck. The attacking vessel would get its nose twisted off, and perhaps the bow would be shattered, but the ram would not be able to penetrate the armor. Neither the unarmored cruiser nor the heavy armored harbor defense war ship is adapted for a ramming action, and has not been enough for another. Besides, a big shell shot from the enemy would destroy her before she got close enough to ram. The armor on the ram ship is too heavy to be carried, and the ram ship is too slow to be able to ram an enemy through a piece of good luck. The shape of the bows of these vessels is all wrong for ramming. As I said, the ram ship is simply a knuckle point in the stem. A cross section through this part of the vessel would show that it is not adapted to stand a strain above or below that from either side. Now a ram ship needs a vertical strain, for in a sea-way, as she and the enemy pitched and rolled, the ram ship would be apt to plunge into the enemy's side with a meat axe stroke, but it must be remembered that the enemy is sure to be in a position to ram the ram ship, and that the side which she strikes the ram ship would be much more disastrous than any resistance of her side plating. It is a fact that the ram ship is not adapted to stand a strain above or below that from either side. 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